

John Brown to Andrew Jackson, October 16, 1819, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

COLONEL JOHN BROWN TO JACKSON.

Kingston, Tenn., October 16, 1819.

yours of the 8 Instant is this moment received. the conversation that past between us respecting the Diferance between you and col williams as stated in your Letter is Correct with the Adition as well as I now recolect that it was not your wish in the first instance to have becum unfriendly with col williams which ought to have ben the expresion in place of reman[ing] unfriendly and as well as I now recolect you purmitted me to name to col williams that you was willing that an explanation should take place untile which you never could becum friendly with him. I named to col williams my wish to Interfer as the mutuel friend to settle the Diference between you—his reply was that it was not his wish to have becum unfriendly with General Jackson in the first instance. which ought allsow to have ben the expresion in my former Letter and that he was willing that a full explanation of the Diference between you should take place. my zeale to bring about a friendly understanding indused me to propose that all animosity should cease and when you meat, to meat and treat [each] other politly. this propositon I reather think was brought forward by me the Impropriety of which I now Sea. I have wrote to Col williams that a reconciliation cannot take place without an explanation, and as my interfearence was volentary and from the purest motives and confidential known only to you and Col williams, I wish it to be vewed as mutuel and friendly, which I do assshure you in the most Solom terms is the factt. on reflection I am apprehensive the Diferance between you and col Williams is more serious than I was awar of. and a further Interfearence by me may be Improper

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